

SATURDAY	9 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Solemn Vigil Mass
17:00		
SUNDAY	10 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Solemn Mass <i>Our Parish Community</i> Solemn Mass
09:00		
10:45		
MONDAY	11 th	Feria Mass
09:15		
TUESDAY	12 th	Feria Mass
09:15		
WEDNESDAY	13 th	St Lucy, V, M Mass
09:45		
THURSDAY	14 th	St John of the Cross, Pr, D <i>No Mass</i>
FRIDAY	15 th	Feria Mass
19:30		
SATURDAY	16 th	Feria Mass Solemn Vigil Mass
12 Noon		
17:00		

CONFESSIONS are heard on Saturdays from 11:15-11:45 or by appointment.

Chantry List for the coming week: We pray for the happy repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially for those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: *Margaret Brazier (92); Sharon Ford (04); Patrick Gallagher (91); Christopher Bonn (08); Pauline Budd (88); Leo Jolley (14); Margaret Mecklenburgh (88); Gregory Fincham (88); Siobhan Dampney (17); Anne Chapman (20); Thomas Arnold (97); Eileen Murphy (20); Hannah Hart (87); Barney Kline; Donnell Bowring (10). **May they rest in peace. Amen.***

Our prayers for the Sick & Suffering include: Angela L, Barry S, Kerri H, Betty B, Maura G, Sid B, John F, Gary R, Lily Dopson, Marjorie S, Elaine S, Genette F, John W, Teresa H, Noel K, Dean K, Christopher D, Peter W, Gina O, Carmelo S, Samantha B, Jenny C, John, Isaac Nelson, Ann Mary B, Brian B, Kay Shaw, Grace Gosling-Campbell, Joan Kerins, Beth Thompson, Jenny Crane; Evelyn Korinth.

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St John Payne Catholic Parish

Greenstead, Ardleigh and Mistley

We of St John Payne Catholic Parish seek to reflect the joyful life-affirming power of Christ's Living Presence among all where Essex meets East Anglia.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

10th December 2023

The Good News

Today we celebrate the Good News of God's incredible love for all his people. Every messenger of this Good News says the same thing: he is coming to save you; he will make all things new; prepare a way for him; take him to your heart.

Entrance Antiphon: *O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.*

1st Reading:
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Prepare a way for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *R/. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

2nd Reading:
1 Peter 3:8-14 We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.

Gospel Acclamation *R/. Alleluia, alleluia!*
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
R/. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:
Mark 1:1-8 Make his paths straight.



We respectfully ask that you please ensure that all mobile phones are switched off while you are in church.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: Let us pray that volunteer, non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Every 1st Sunday of the month between 4 - 5^{pm}, beginning with Evening Prayer, we have a Holy Hour of hymns, prayer, and readings before the Blessed Sacrament, *'the source and summit of our faith'*. Next Date: **Sunday 7th January 2024.**

WOULD YOU VALUE SOME FRIENDLY SUPPORT DURING A TIME OF LOSS OR EMOTIONAL ANXIETY? Confidentiality will be respected. If you are interested in finding out more why not drop into SJP Church Hall on the **second Wednesday of every month**, between 10.30-11.30 am, or phone Judy on 07530956440. ***The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th December.***

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP meets every **Tuesday**, in the SJP Church Hall, from 10.00 - 10.45. Come and join this friendly group as we pray one of the readings for the following Sunday. Copies of the reading are supplied. There is usually a bit of social time afterwards. For further information see Judy after Mass or tel. 07530956440.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF AND TRUSTEES OF BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: "We would like to wish everyone across Brentwood Diocese a very happy and blessed Christmas. As we prepare to celebrate our 40th year in 2024, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our work by making a donation at one of the parish crib scenes across the Diocese since the charity was formed. This steadfast support has allowed us to give hope to thousands of children, young people and families by offering them the specialist care they need. Thank you all." **All proceeds from our parish crib collection will be donated to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, to support children and families in our Diocese.**

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - Saturday 6th January 2024. A full day retreat for those aged 18 - 27 (having left school) at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Explore your faith, be inspired to put your faith into action, learn, ask questions and pray, all with other young adults. There is a small cost of just £10 to cover the day, with lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events/youngadults/

INTERESTED IN A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD? Vocations Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Saturday 23rd December. Contact Fr Mark Swires - VocProm@brcdt.org - for more information.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS -Please send **all** correspondence, and Newsletter items (by midday on Thursday) to: greenstead@brcdt.org

OFFERTORIES: Week ending 26th November 2023: Offertory £304.61; World Youth Day £20.15; Evangelii Gaudium £10.00; Art Group £325.26. **Thank you!**

COLCHESTER FOOD BANK - THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED: **The next regular collections for the Colchester Food Bank from SJP will be this Sunday 10th December, then on Sunday 14th January 2024,** or you can donate at any time: just call me on 07582 502188.

The Foodbank has particular need of: washing powder/tabs; washing-up liquid; shaving foam; toilet roll; cooking oil; flour; tomato ketchup; chocolate spread; peanut butter; mayonnaise; nappies sizes 5, 6 and 7.

Thank you! James

REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE: The Afghan family who moved into our house in Colchester in July have now settled in. The 4 children will shortly complete their first term in their new schools / college, and are doing well, despite the massive challenges they have had to face in leaving behind their home in Afghanistan and then coping with life in UK bridging hotels. Please continue to pray for the family as they adjust to their new life in Colchester, and for the Group volunteers who are continuing to support them. *Lindsay Francis*

CALAIS LIGHT - HELPING REFUGEES IN THE UK: Calais Light is seeking donations and volunteers in Essex to help support refugees, make their lives in the UK more bearable, and give them a sense of belonging. Refugees in the UK are facing a harsh political and financial climate, and a crisis of destitution. You can volunteer to help Calais Light extend the values of kindness, tolerance and respect to our fellow human beings by emailing the local Lead Volunteer, John Bradley, at

johnbradley9255@gmail.com

To donate, please visit the website:

www.calaislight.com

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE - July 2024 (exact dates tbc). **Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.** The week is spent serving the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assisting the elderly and infirm, alongside times of retreat, reconciliation, visiting the baths, taking part in the beautiful Processions, an afternoon in the mountains, party and social nights - all with other young Catholics from around our Diocese. The pilgrimage is open to all those in school years 10 - 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend). All details and applications can be found on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

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